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MISSOURI POLITICS.

LOCATING THE LAUNDRY.

If we have any dirty linen why wash it before the public? Can it not be cleansed inside our own counsels?—California Dispatch, Dem.

REWARD OF DUTY PERFORMED.

It is too bad that Seibert did not get a chance to tell what he knew. He fought hard to keep off the witness stand, but promised to tell all he knew if he was compelled to go on.—Hannibal Carrier Post.

HARD TO PLEASE.

If a Republican criticizes the Democratic party in this state the whole press puts up the cry that it is a reflection on the fair name of Missouri, but if a Democrat exposes rascality within the ranks he is accused of giving away confidential affairs of the party.—Lagrange Tribune.

THEY BEGIN TO SEE.

In Missouri they (Democrats) have been blinded by the manipulation of their leaders, and have loyally stood by their party under the impression that it was being handled in the interest of the state. The evidence in the Cardwell case so far has caused the scales to drop from their eyes.—Wellsville Optic-News.

CONSIDERS BROWN FUNNY.

Here is a concatenation of extraordinary and complex circumstances which make a mystery. The public will have to do the unraveling. It is funny, though. Is it not? A broad smile, which occasionally breaks into a horse laugh, overspreads the countenances of the people from the Iowa line to the knobs of Arkansas.—Jefferson City Tribune, Dem.

ON RECORD FOREVER.

Cardwell's charges are eternally on record. The ringsters, driven to the last ditch, have cried quarter. They have capitulated. The terms of their surrender are not difficult to fathom. Phelps has amply demonstrated that he can and will ply the lash when the fellows at the capital behave badly. He still holds the whip in hand.—Joplin News Herald.

THE RING'S FAVORITE MONOPOLIES.

The Democracy of Missouri is against trusts, monopolies, combines, etc., to such an extent that it makes them contribute to the party's campaign fund in return for special favors. For and in consideration of \$6,000 paid into said fund by the Transit Company of St. Louis, the leading Democratic politicians engineered a bill through the legislature permitting the street railways of that city to consolidate and \$30,000,000 to the capitalization of that com-

pany—thus forming a gigantic monopolistic combination. Telephone and railroad and stock yards companies have had measures for their regulation and taxation defeated in the legislature by the same influences and through the employment of the same means—donations to the Democratic State Committee. What do the "plain, common people" think of it?—Howell County News.

RINGSTERS AND OTHER DEMOCRATS.

The disclosures in the Cardwell damage suit against the St. Louis Republic are probably of as much interest to country Democrats as they are to all classes of Republicans, in that they show undeniable rottenness on the part of the men who have for twenty-five years had the Democratic party of Missouri by the throat. In this connection it may be stated that the Republican party of Missouri has no charge to bring against the Democratic party at large. The country Democrats are our neighbors and friends, and we know them to be honest and to desire honesty in the management of state affairs and state legislation. The offense of the country Democracy is that it has followed blindly and trustfully the leadership of a gang of political pirates and cut-throats who have rifled the state treasury, misapplied state funds, practically sold legislation before the legislatures have been elected to pass it, and who seek to ruin the Democrat who dares to stand out and tell the truth about the methods adopted by the gangsters who run his party.—Greenfield Vedette.

WILL BREAK SENATORIAL RECORDS.

An honor never before conferred upon any American citizen is in store for Senator Allison, of Iowa. He is to be re-elected to his sixth consecutive term in the United States Senate.

The event, being unique in American history, is to be appropriately celebrated at Des Moines. The legislature will meet on the 13th of next month, and on the day that the senatorial election occurs both Senators Allison and Dolliver will be present. An effort is now being made to secure a unanimous vote in the legislature. There are some twenty Democratic members, but it is believed that they will agree to emphasize the unusual character of the occasion by casting their votes for Allison.

Mr. Allison's thirty consecutive years in the senate will expire on March 4, 1903. He is 73 years of age, and as young as he was twenty years ago. Senator Morgan, who is 78 years old, and Senator Hoar, who is 76, did not enter the senate until 1877.

BROWN UNDISCOVERED.

Man Who "Fixed" Cardwell Has Not Been Found.

All hopes of locating "Brown," the mysterious, have been abandoned. In fact, nobody seems especially anxious to locate him. Cardwell does not care a rap. It is none of Attorney Walsh's business. The administration Democrats are willing and anxious to let the shells remain buried, and the anti-administration Democrats, who had whooped it up for Cardwell, have not a leg left to stand on. The Republicans have no possible show of breaking into the Democratic strongholds, so the Brown incident is off. To-day no one—at least none of the common herd—knows more than was published Thursday morning; that his name was E. O. Brown, and that he was "a tall, thin, cadaverous-looking individual." This name and this description fits Col. Phelps' law partner, but it might fit any number of men who are not Col. Phelps' partner. Further than this no one knows anything, nor are they likely to.

Cardwell is much sought after. "At least 200 people have been up to congratulate me yesterday and to-day," said he last night. "My mail this morning was voluminous. Some young women have called. Real estate men and promoters with schemes have been in, and no doubt more are coming. I have been invited to put my money—what money I have—in a score of enterprises, and, curious as it may seem, all these call for about \$5,000. In other words, these promoters want all I am supposed to have received in the settlement."

IS IT RIGHT?

The Golden City Free Press asks: "Is it right, is it just, that the Democratic citizens of Missouri should have fifteen representatives in the national congress while Republican citizens, only a few thousand less in number, only one?" Right and justice have long ceased to have any relation to the ring government of Missouri. The gang that sells out legislatures to favored corporations is trying to disfranchise everybody in the state outside of its own close organization.—Ex.

The disfranchised Republicans, about 49 per cent of the total vote in the state, will answer the above question in the negative, and every fair-minded Democrat will do likewise. Only ringsters, politicians for self and pelf, and narrow biggots, will see any right in such a course.